

## The Upright Judge.

A New York magistrate and his friend were returning from a banquet arm in arm and were giving way to mirth and song when they found themselves confronted by the police. The magistrate made his escape, but on the following day as he sat on the bench, "grave, dignified and alert, as usual," he saw his dear and valued friend charged with being drunk and disorderly. He listened to the charge unmoved beyond a pained expression on his face and, after calling upon the prisoner to explain his conduct, addressed him in his most severely judicial manner and in scathing tones. Never had he heard a more disgraceful case, and it was so much the more disgraceful from the fact that the prisoner evidently was respectfully connected and moved in what was called (here he became very sarcastic) good society. He felt it was a matter where leniency would be surely out of place, and the fine must be the maximum which the law allowed.

## Extraordinary Legal Document.

One of the most remarkable legal papers on file in the archives of the world is one now in the National museum of Paris, labeled "Sentence on a hog, executed by justice in the copyhold of Clarmont-Avin and strangled upon a gibbet at that place." It is sealed with red wax, kept under a glass, bears date of June 14, 1494, and reads as follows: "We, the jury, in detestation and horror of this crime and in order to make an example and to satisfy justice, have declared, judged, sentenced, pronounced and appointed that the said hog, now detained in the abbey as a prisoner, shall by the executioner be hung and strangled on a gibbet near the gallows which now stands within the jurisdiction of the monk, being near the copyhold of Avin. In witness of which we have sealed this present with our seals." Following the above are the signatures of the jurors and the prefect of the department de la Aisne.

## Old Italian in Corsica.

The Italian who travels in Corsica is delighted to hear almost everywhere around him the obsolete expressions and terminations of Dante, while even the Englishman unacquainted with the "Comedy" is surprised at the sound of Latin words which he thought had fallen entirely into oblivion, such as "Nimmo" for "Nessuno" and "Greve" for "Pesante," or with Latinized forms of current words, such as "Pluva" for "Pioggia," "Ista" for "Questa" and "Ejo" for "Io."

The Corsican, however, is an older Italian than that even of the medieval poet. It is less specialized on the whole than his, having points of contact with the other dialects, particularly those of Calabria and Sicily, and with the literary languages of Spain and Portugal. "Studies in Corsica."

## The Funny Bone.

A most unpleasant sensation is caused by the violent excitation of the ulnar nerve due to a blow on the elbow. This nerve passes down on the inner side of the arm and then rather inconsiderately bends round and enters the forearm at the back of the elbow joint. Any one who has felt his neighbor's elbow sticking into his ribs knows that the elbow is remarkably deficient in flesh. The nerve is therefore at this point very near the surface and has little to shield it from a blow. If we are so unfortunate as to give our elbow a smart tap we obtain a practical confirmation of the fact that the ulnar nerve is the principal sensory nerve of the forearm and hand.

## People Who Rarely Wink.

There are people who rarely wink. How they manage to get along without doing so is a marvel, but somehow or other they do. Some eyes are naturally more moist than others, and the very moist eye does not so much need the assistance of the lids to keep the eyeball bright. It is a constitutional matter, for winking, though under the control of the will, is done so quickly that it is practically an involuntary action. Men wink when they feel that the eye is uncomfortably dry, and when it does not become dry the necessity for winking is not felt.

## To Preserve the Color of Flowers.

A way to preserve the color of flowers when pressing them is to immerse the stem of the fresh plant in a solution of 31 grains of alum, 4 of ulter and 136 of water for a day or two, until the liquid is absorbed, then press the plant in the usual way, sift some dry sand over the flower and submit to a gentle heat for about twenty hours.

## Eggs in the Nest.

All birds have a systematic arrangement in depositing their eggs in the nest, and there are very few species, if any, in which some peculiarity is not to be seen, if careful observation is made. Many birds so plainly and invariably show a tendency to a set arrangement that their habit is generally known.

## Dodge the Shadows.

Why destroy present happiness by a distant misery which may never come at all, or you may never live to see it? Every substantial grief has twenty shadows, and most of them shadows of your own making.—Sydney Smith.

## Double Action Springs.

First Patient sat the fashionable springs—What are you here for? Second Patient—To wash up a little. And you? First Patient—To reduce my weight.—San Francisco Bulletin.

The One to Be Considered. "Did she consent the groom in fixing the date for the wedding?" "Oh, no; only the dressmaker."—Chicago Post.

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It is a suggestive fact not always sufficiently considered that "as soon as any organ or faculty falls into disuse it degenerates and is finally lost altogether." Through all the ages that man has had the power of speech this power has not been fixed in us in any degree whatever by heredity. It is regarded as definitely proved that if a child of civilized parents were brought up in a desert place and allowed no communication whatever with man it would never make any attempt at speech.

Up to the last century it was not uncommon to find persons living in a wild state in the woods and forests of England, France, Germany and Russia who were utterly incapable of speech, though they could make sounds in imitation of the cries of wild animals. Certain parasitic insects have so completely degenerated that they possess neither eyes, legs, heads, mouths, stomachs nor intestines.—Lecture Hour.

## A Queer Death-Superstition.

A curious relic of the superstitious ideas of the middle ages still exists in many parts of England—the notion that when the death of a person is imminent the fastenings of the door of the death chamber or of the other rooms of the house under the departure of the soul from the body, thus making final dissolution doubly painful.

A gentleman writing about half a century ago for a collection of antiquarian papers states that when he was curator at Exeter he had a call to the deathbed of one of his parishioners. Upon arriving there the wife of the patient told the minister that she had expected her husband to die during the previous night and on that account had left the doors all open or unlocked. Upon asking for reasons for this odd proceeding he was told of the neighborhood superstition.

## The Heart of Robert Bruce.

When Robert Bruce, king of Scotland, lay upon his deathbed in the year 1329 he remembered that he had registered a vow to help wrest the Holy Land from the heathen Turks. It was clear that the time for fulfilling this vow had passed, but a new thought presented. Why not have his heart removed and sent to Jerusalem for burial? To make the story short, this was decided upon, and Sir James Douglas was commissioned to carry it in a silver urn "to a place as near as possible to where the Saviour was crucified and there bury it." Arriving in Spain, Sir James, with the precious relic strung to his neck by a chain, was killed in a battle with the Moors. Sir Simon Locard returned with the heart to Scotland and deposited it under the altar of Melrose abbey, where it now is.

## Our Debt to Asia.

It is noteworthy that out of Asia came our alphabet and our Arabic numerals. The compass we owe to the Chinese, who knew the magnetic needle as early as the second century A. D. Gunpowder originally came out of Asia, and so did the art of printing and the manufacture of paper. The Chinese invented movable types in the middle of the eleventh century, 350 years before Gutenberg. They also made silks long before Europe and porcelain that has never been equaled by Europe. Truly, Asia is the cradle of the race. On the original ideas of the Persians, Arabians, the Hindus and the Chinese our modern society has been built.—Portland Oregonian.

## The Wing of a Bird.

The typical vertebrate limb, variously modified in the arm of a man or the fore limb of a cat or frog or bird, has one bone in the upper arm, which gives support to two in the forearm, which similarly yield to four at the wrist, and from these five digits can just comfortably be extended. The bird, however, decided to fly rather than grasp with its hand, so that three and a half fingers are all it has retained of the five which its reptilian ancestors bequeathed to it.

## All Obscurities Removed.

The Rev. Dr. Fourthly—For twenty-seven years I have been trying to preach, but I confess I have never quite grasped the meaning of St. Paul in this particular passage. The Rev. K. Morait Lightly—Why, doctor, I cleared that all up in the first sermon I ever preached. Let me read it if you like.—Chicago Tribune.

## Gentle and Pain.

When Carlyle went to sit to Sir John Millais for his portrait in Millais' grand new house he turned on the stairway to ask, "Has paint done all this, Millais?" and, getting a smiling answer in the affirmative, remarked, "Ah, well, it shows what a number of fools there are in the world."

## A Fishy Romance.

Mabel—No Jack Miller didn't marry Miss Herring after all? Judith—No. She rejected him. Mabel—How did Jack take it? Judith—Oh, he said there was no good fish in the sea as were ever caught out of it, and went after Miss Salmon.

## How, Indeed?

Aunt Hattie—You shouldn't clean your pants in company. Tommy—Tommy—Huh! If nobody sees me clean 'em, how is anybody to know they are ever cleaned?—Boston Transcript.

## Very Hard.

"Of course a horseshoe always means luck." "Oh, yes, and if the horse passes it up to you behind your back it means hard luck."—Exchange.

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